

Spanish Department Newsletter

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Beaver in Ecuador

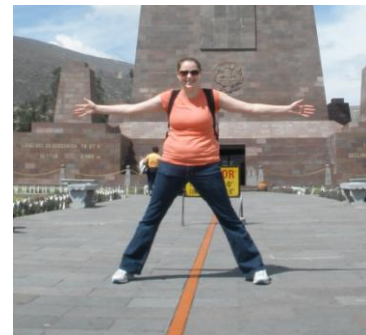
This year, the Spanish Department is trying something new for their study abroad program. CEDEI Centers for Interamerican Studies has been around since 1992, offering unique opportunities for international students to study in the highly diverse country of Ecuador. CEDEI offers classes in Spanish, Peninsular and Latin American Literature, Cross-Cultural Communication, Biology, Education, International Marketing, and Business. CEDEI puts the focus on expanding students' understanding of the different cultures in Latin America.

The Spanish Department is proud to announce Mary Crothers as the first Blackburn student to study in Ecuador. Hailing from Lena, Illinois, Mary is a senior majoring in Spanish. In the adjacent photograph, one can see Mary standing on the equatorial line.

Mary will be living with a non-English-speaking Ecuadorian family throughout the spring semester and taking classes, all in Spanish. During the weekends, she will travel to different places in Ecuador such as the Andes and the rainforest. At the end

of the semester, Mary will travel to Peru to visit one of the New Seven Wonders of the World: Machu Picchu.

— Nicole Eichelberaer



Mary Crothers straddles the equatorial line.

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Phrase of the Month

¿Tiene alguna mascota?

Do you have a pet?



Latin American News

Venezuelan Border – In the past 20 years, the FARC—an armed group of Marxist terrorists—has killed over 70,000 Colombians in a revolutionary blood bath. Some of the hundreds of thousands who have survived the deadly terrorist attacks seek asylum in neighboring Venezuela. There, those with refugee status have access to employment and education. However, due to Venezuela's painstaking screening process, the nation's government has investigated only a few thousand individuals—nearly half of which have been denied refugee status.

For those requesting refugee statuses, life is hard.

Each Colombian refugee has been cruelly uprooted from his or her home, threatened by the FARC, and forced to leave their families and livestock behind. Many have lost relatives (including children) to the FARC for reasons as simple as not accompanying the guerillas. The shock of such horrors has made it impossible for many to start anew.

For thousands of Colombians, life is simply about staying alive to see if they will be recognized as refugees. Until then, let those in America heed this lesson: have mercy.

— Nicole Eichelberger

Directions to Hudson 222

In the spring of 2009, the Spanish department gladly acquired new office space in Hudson Hall. However, this space can be rather tricky to locate. If you wish to find Hudson 222 for Spanish tutoring, please follow the directions below.



Start on the second floor of Hudson Hall. Now, go down the corridor toward the doors with stairs leading up to them. These are the doors that lead to Clegg Chapel. Enter Clegg Chapel and turn toward the stage. Step up on the stage, take a quick bow if you like, and proceed through the wooden door on the side closest to the door you just came through.

Once you've gone through the door, you should see a flight of stairs. Go down the stairs (without bumping your head, please) until you come across a door. If you come at one of the times listed below, the door should be open and one of our smiling tutors should be waiting there to help you.

— Nicole Eichelberger

Word of the Month

Palabra

Word

SPANISH CLUB

Activities:

- Discussing up-coming events, trips, & fundraisers
- Playing games
- Making friends
- Building Spanish vocabulary
- Watching films in Spanish
- Having fun!

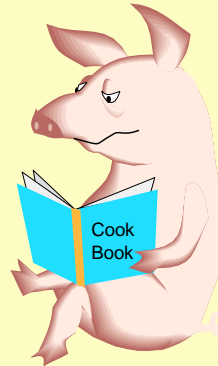
For meeting times, contact:
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Featured Recipe

Pork Carnitas

Ingredients:

2 to 3 pound boneless pork shoulder
4 cloves garlic, minced
Mexican oregano to taste
Salt to taste
Water
Flour or corn tortillas
Prepared Guacamole*
Prepared Salsa*
Sour cream*
Grated sharp cheddar cheese*



1. Cut up the pork shoulder into one-inch chunks.

NOTE: You will NOT remove the fat because the fat is what makes it good. If you use a lean cut of pork like the tenderloin, you will need to add some lard to your skillet.

2. Place pork cubes in a cast-iron skillet or a large heavy frying pan. Sprinkle with Mexican oregano and salt.

3. Add enough water to almost cover the pork cubes (let some of the meat break through the surface).

4. Over medium-high heat, bring water just to a boil; reduce heat to medium low and let simmer for 45 to 60 minutes or until the water evaporates and the pork is crisp and easily pierced with a fork (the pork will render all of its fat and get nice and crisp in the pan). Remove from heat. Either leave in the cubes or place the pork on a cutting board. Using two forks, shred the pork into thin strips. Keep the pork carnita meat warm while preparing your other ingredients.

5. After the pork is cooked, remove the pork and clean out your skillet. Place skillet back on medium heat to get hot. If you are using store-bought tortillas, heat the tortillas one-by-one in the hot skillet. If you heat them on a skillet you may need to use a little butter, vegetable oil, or cooking spray to help soften them. When air pockets form in the tortillas they are done.

6. To serve, double up the tortillas and place a few spoonfuls of the pork carnitas on them. Top with guacamole, salsa, sour cream and/or grated cheese (use whatever condiments you prefer).

Cooked pork carnita meat may be stored in the refrigerator for 3 to 4 days.
Reheat before using.

* optional

Student Worker Spotlight

The Spanish Department is proud to announce Nicole Eichelberger as their Spotlight Worker of the Month. Nicole is



the Spanish Department Webmaster/Spanish Tutor. Her job tasks include maintaining the Spanish Department's section of the Blackburn Website and producing the Spanish Department's monthly newsletter. She is from Madison, Illinois, and is studying for a major in Spanish with a minor in Communications Speech. In her free time, Nicole likes to study the Bible, read, draw, and attend Christian activities. In the future, she would like to use her Spanish for overseas missions.

Her dedication and hard work have earned her the title of Academics Student Worker of the Month last December. ¡Felicitaciones, Nicole!

Birthday Announcements

The Spanish department would like to congratulate students Tiffany Gould and Nicole Eichelberger concerning their birthdays earlier this month. Tiffany celebrated her 21st birthday on January 8th while Nicole turned 20 on the 10th.

¡Feliz cumpleaños a ellas! Y que sigan cumpliendo muchísimos años más, todos felices!

Spanish Lab/Tutoring Hours for the Spring Semester

Computer Lab. Hours (Hudson 206)

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
3-9:30 pm	2:30-3:30 pm 6-8 pm	6-8 pm	2:30-4:30 pm	4-5:30 pm 6-8:30 pm	8-9:30 am 2:30-3:30 pm

Regular Tutoring Hours (Hudson 204 and 222)

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
7-8 pm (204)	8-10 AM (204) 2-2:30 pm (204) 3:30-4:30 pm (222) 3-5 (204)	6-7 pm (222) 7:30-8:30 pm (204)	8-9 am (204)	2-3 pm (204) 7-9 pm (222) 8:30-9:30 pm (204)	2-2:30 pm (204) 3:30-4:30 pm (204)

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*We want to hear from
YOU!*

If you have suggestions, articles, recipes, phrases, photographs, or anything else you can think of that you would like to submit to the Spanish Department Newsletter, please contact Nicole Eichelberger at: nicole.eichelberger@blackburn.edu.

Any and all submissions would be much appreciated!
¡Muchísimas gracias!